



SWIFT THINKING

UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY NEWSLETTER

Fall 2023

PLANNING FOR WINTER 2024

A table showing our course offerings for [Winter 2024](#) is available online. The table includes information on meeting days and times. In addition, it indicates which major and minor requirements each course can fulfill, whether a course is available for pre-registration, and whether you need permission to enroll.

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PRE-REGISTERING FOR WINTER COURSES

(Please check this table and the [Registrar's website](#) for updates.)

The Psychology Department will offer pre-registration through CAESAR for most of our Winter Quarter courses the week prior to regular registration. All students listed as psychology, cognitive science, or neuroscience majors or minors in the Registrar's system should be able to pre-register through CAESAR for these courses. The only courses not available for pre-registration for Winter Quarter are the PSYCH 101, PSYCH 110, PSYCH 317, and the PSYCH 397/398/399 research courses.

Pre-registration times are announced by the Registrar's Office. Students can pre-register for a maximum of two courses.

***PSYCH 330 Brain and Language** -This course will fulfill the same requirement for COGSCI 210 and will be open to CogSci major and minors for pre-registration.

Wait Lists

Psychology courses are very popular and they often close during registration. If a course you want to take has closed, use the electronic wait list function* on CAESAR. As students drop and seats become available, instructors will fill open seats with permission numbers.

Wait lists will be monitored until the last business day before classes begin.



REGISTERING FOR PSYCH 205 - RESEARCH METHODS

Students listed in CAESAR as majoring or minoring in psychology, cognitive science, or music cognition may pre-register for PSYCH 205. Make sure you have the statistics prerequisite or an allowed [substitution](#) before you enroll. You **may not** take both PSYCH 205 and the statistics prerequisite during the same quarter. Wait lists for Psych 205 are managed by the Undergraduate Program Assistant, and questions should be directed to Psychology Advising.

Students who are using an AP Stats credit substitution: Caesar does not recognize this approved substitution and it will block your registration. *Please email psych-advising@u.northwestern.edu to obtain a permission number to register for Psych 205.*

RESEARCH COURSES REQUIRING DEPARTMENT AND INSTRUCTOR PERMISSION

PSYCH 397-1, 397-2, and 399

A great way to learn more about psychological research is to become actively involved in research activities through PSYCH 399-Independent Study or the two-quarter PSYCH 397-Advanced Supervised Research series. This is especially valuable for students considering graduate study in psychology and it can be an educational and enjoyable experience for others as well.

PSYCH 397 and 399

You can count at most 1 quarter of 397-1 or 399 toward the major. You cannot count both courses toward the major requirements. PSYCH 205-Research Methods in Psychology is a prerequisite for PSYCH 397. The second quarter of the Advanced Supervised Research sequence, PSYCH 397-2, fulfills the upper-level research requirement for the psychology major. For more information on 397 and 399, including the differences between them, how they count toward requirements, and tips on finding a research adviser, see our webpage on "[Research for Course Credit](#)."

To enroll in PSYCH 397 or PSYCH 399, download the [application](#), fill it out, and have it signed by the professor with whom you will be working. Then, email the form to the Undergraduate Program Assistant at jillian.sifuentes@northwestern.edu and a student-specific permission number will be generated. Please note that you must turn in your application and register for the course through CAESAR **before the last day** to add a class for Winter Quarter in January.

We cannot guarantee that an application submitted on the final day of the add period can be reviewed in time to generate a permission number before the add deadline. Students will need to obtain permission for the late addition of a course from the Dean's Office in this situation

SPECIAL COURSES FOR WINTER QUARTER 2024

Psych 330: Special Topics in Cognitive/ Neuroscience

- **Brain and Language**

Professor Mark Beeman

This course examines the cognitive neuroscience of language, from language acquisition to language loss following brain injury. Students will learn about the many processes of language and the array of cognitive neuroscience methods and theoretical approaches employed to study it. Besides lectures and supplemental videos, we will integrate student activities such as in class and assigned demonstration experiments, and student discussions or debates, depending in part on course enrollment (class size). Class will meet and lectures will be presented in person. If possible, they will be recorded.

**For Psychology, Neuroscience, and/or Cognitive Science students, this course will fulfill the same requirements as CogSci 210. You may not receive credit for both this section of PSYCH 330 and CogSci 210.*

Psych 350: Special Topics in Psychology

- **Looking Inside the Leaders who Disrupt, Innovate, and Transform**

Professor Jennifer Tackett

This course integrates research on leadership and personality science within the context of entrepreneurialism. We review current models of personality and leadership to better understand the characteristics and mechanisms underlying the ability of successful entrepreneurs to disrupt, innovate, and transform. The course will incorporate research on personality traits, motivations, identity, culture, the personality of teams, and the personality of companies.

Psych 390: Advanced Seminar in Psychology:

- **Science and Pseudoscience in Clinical Psychology**

Professor Sara Broaders

We will explore a number of practices, beliefs, and diagnoses related to clinical psychology, some of which have a sound scientific basis and some of which are pseudoscience. One of our primary goals will be to understand the difference between these two categories of practices/beliefs and the foundations upon which they rest. Among the topics we may cover are: Various specific models of therapy (e.g. CBT, Client-centered therapy, psychoanalysis); Trigger warnings; EMDR; Hypnosis; Dissociative identity disorder; Forensic interview practices; Forensic assessment measures; Projective personality tests; Recovered memories and theories of repression; Facilitated communication for people with autism; Attachment therapy; Treatment of Anti-Social Personality Disorder; Treatments for antisocial youth; Dream interpretation; Regression therapy; Biological treatments for depression; Conversion disorders and their treatment; Flow and creativity; Assessment of future risk.

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT ADVISING

Advisors

- Prof. Sara Broaders
- Prof. Ben Gorvine
- Prof. Ginger Pennington
- Prof. Edith Chen
- Prof. H. David Smith
- Prof. Michael Bailey
- Prof. Wendi Gardner

APPOINTMENTS

To make an appointment with any undergraduate advisor, send an email message to psych-advising@u.northwestern.edu; include the the following information:

Name:

ID #:

Class Year:

Majors/Minors:

Reason for meeting: (Example: Major or minor declaration, Petition to graduate, course questions, Study abroad etc.)

Email:

The Undergraduate Program Assistant, Jillian Sifuentes, is the person to contact for routine matters such as officially declaring a major or minor, scheduling an advising appointment, or submitting an application for Psych 399-Independent Study or Psych 397-Advanced Supervised Research. She can also answer some questions about our undergraduate program. You can reach her via email at psych-advising@u.northwestern.edu.

People to Know!



Jillian Sifuentes
Undergraduate Program Assistant

- Advising appointments
- Permission numbers
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Abigail Osterlund
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- Coordinates student research assignments for Psych 110
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PETITION TO GRADUATE

All Northwestern undergraduates must complete and submit Graduation Petitions **one year prior to their intended graduation date**. The latest to submit the petition is two quarters before you anticipate graduating (e.g., before the end of Fall quarter if you expect to graduate in Spring quarter, and during Spring quarter if you plan to graduate in Fall quarter). You must schedule an advising meeting with a department advisor before your Petition to Graduate can be signed/approved. You can set up an appointment with one of the department advisers by emailing psych-advising@u.northwestern.edu. *Please include: Full name, Student ID #, Year, Psych Major/Minor/other, Reason (to match with advisor).*

Completing your Graduation Petition on time ensures you are on appropriate graduation lists and that you, your adviser, and the Registrar's Office agree on what requirements you have left to complete. It also provides an opportunity to talk about your experiences in the department thus far and your plans for the coming year and beyond.

You can read more about the petition process, including submission deadlines and access petition forms, on the Registrar's website. A good place to start is the [Registrar's Graduation Page](#).

2023-24 Graduation Petition Deadlines

Graduation Quarter	2023-24 Deadlines
Fall quarter 2023	June 1, 2023
Winter quarter 2024	October 8, 2023
Spring quarter 2024	December 1, 2023
Summer quarter 2024	March 1, 2024



UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATION (UPA) NEWS

STATISTICS TUTORIAL RESOURCE AVAILABLE

We have created a Canvas course with Statistics Tutorials for Psychology students. The site is open to any student at Northwestern who would like to be able to use the resource. It currently has video tutorials on most of the topics covered in Psych 201-Statistics, some more advanced topics, as well as some videos on using SPSS.

All of our current majors and minors should have already been added to the Canvas site. If you have not been added but would like to access the resources, contact psych-advising@u.northwestern.edu. Provide your NetID and request to be added to the Statistics Tutorials Canvas site.

The Undergraduate Psychology Association (UPA) is a group of students who share a passion for exploring Psychology. UPA welcomes students of all majors to participate in academic, career-oriented, and social events during the school year. Our primary goals are to help undergraduate students learn more about psychology in a non-classroom setting, foster student-faculty communications, and facilitate the awareness of professional opportunities related to psychology. If you have any questions or are interested in joining UPA, you can reach us at upa@u.northwestern.edu and follow our Instagram ([@nu_upa](https://www.instagram.com/nu_upa)).

CANVAS

All declared psychology major and minor students are added to our Canvas course site. Here, you can find job postings, research opportunities, and graduate school information. Announcements for on-campus or department-hosted events will be posted here as well. Please check back frequently to stay up-to-date on NU Psychology news.

If you are a declared Psychology major or minor student and have not been added to the Canvas site, please contact: psych-advising@u.northwestern.edu

